IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 22, lines 27 and 28 as follows:

--A description of this system can be consulted at the Internet address theory.lcs.mit.edu/~rivest/RivestShamir-mpay.ps. found in "PayWord and MicroMint: Two simple micropayment schemes", by Ronald L. Rivest and Adi Shamir, MIT Laboratory for computer science, May 7, 1996. --